Oswald, Lee H. Russian Period 10

Other Individuals and Organizations Involved or Interviewed.

Hara-patwitsky, Nikolai

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cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens
Mr. Slawson

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Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Helms:

The Department of State has very recently informed the Commission that it has files which include information about persons who were confined to the Botkinskaya Hospital in Moscow during the Fall of 1959, the same period during which Lee Harvey Oswald was, according to his Historic Diary and information supplied by the Russian Government, also confined to that Hospital. W. David Slawson of the Commission staff discussed with Mr. Raymond [illegible] of your Agency on August 10, 1964, the possibility of the Agency's attempting to locate and question Mr. Nikolai Nikolayevich Hara-patwitsky in West Berlin. Mr. Hara-patwitsky, according to information furnished by the Department of State, was admitted to the Botkinskaya Hospital in late November, 1959, for a fracture, and is now 79 years old. He, therefore, may very well be the "elderly Russian" Oswald referred to in his Historic Diary as having been confined in the same ward with him.

Mr. Slawson forwarded to Mr. Rocca via hand delivery on August 10, Mr. Hara-patwitsky's passport file, obtained from the Department of State, a Secret Service Memorandum to me dated August 7, 1964 and carrying Secret Service No. 1720, a Secret Service Memorandum dated August 5, 1964 by Special Agents Thomas and Wong and a copy of a letter I wrote to the Secret Service describing the work we asked the Service to do in regard to this problem in connection with two other persons who might have related to it.

Mr. Rocca told Mr. Slawson the Central Intelligence Agency would proceed immediately to locate Mr. Hara-patwitsky and carry out whatever questioning of him is deemed appropriate, and he asked that this matter be confirmed to you by letter.

Sincerely,

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